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# Local report: Four ex-'Gades head to 4-year schools

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Four former Bakersfield College athletes will continue their athletic careers at four-year colleges.

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Haylee Varner competes in Saturday's track and field meet in the javelin competition at Memorial Stadium for Bakersfield College.

Haley Varner, last spring's California state junior college leader in the women's javelin with a 141 feet, 9 inches mark at the Southern California preliminaries, has accepted a track scholarship to

Cal State Northridge.

Varner was among the state leaders all season in the javelin before struggling in the SoCal Finals and did not qualify for the state meet.

Anikia Jackson, the state women's heptathlon champion, has accepted a track scholarship to UC Davis, according to BC coach Pam Kelley.

Men's distance runner Ismael Arzola has accepted a scholarship to Dickinson State (N.D.), a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics institution. Arzola will join former BC women's pole vaulter Amy Escalante, who transferred to Dickinson State from BC a year ago.

Also transferring from BC is men's basketball player Jimmy Scroggins, who has signed a scholarship agreement with Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, an NAIA institution.

Scroggins, from Phoenix, was a two-year player for the Renegades. BC reached the state final four last season.

Wasco's Quezada to fight tonight

Wasco's Manuel Quezada makes the first defense of his WBC Caribbean Boxing Federation heavyweight title tonight at the Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino in Lemoore.

Quezada (23-4, 15 KOs) will face Andrew Greeley (14-22-2, 8 KOs) of Monroe, La., as part of a card that features eight professional boxing matches and two mixed martial arts contests.

Also on the card is Bakersfield junior welterweight prospect Mike Dallas Jr., who is 4-0.

"I feel I am improving with every fight they put me in," Quezada said in a statement. "I am doing well in sparring sessions ... which has given me tremendous confidence."

Quezada won the title with a second-round knockout of Rick Dyer last September.

He has won two straight non-title bouts since beating Dyer.

The first bout tonight begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$60 and can be purchased at the Tachi Palace box office, (559) 924-7751.

-- *Californian staff report*